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Hazardous Surf and Seas Expected; Inexperienced Swimmers Should Stay Out of the Water

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office has the following advisories in effect:

Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions.

A **high surf advisory** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from 6 p.m. this evening until 6 p.m. Saturday along north and west facing reefs. Hazardous surf of 9 to 14 feet is expected.

A **high risk of rip currents** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through Saturday afternoon along north, west, and east facing reefs. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from the shore into deeper water. If caught in a rip current, do not swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline, face the shore and call or wave for help.

A **small craft advisory** is in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from 4 p.m. this afternoon through 6 p.m. Saturday. East winds of 15 to 25 knots and seas up to 12 feet are expected. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in hazardous conditions.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to avoid hazardous seas and dangerous rip currents. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water while the advisories are in effect.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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